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#### **RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

Documents A1, A2, and A8 through A11 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited in the International Search Report in Applicants' International Application PCT/JP2005/004026. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner.

The relevance of the non-English language document A12 is described in the present specification.

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Unless otherwise indicated, no English translation is readily available (not considering machine-generated translations that may be freely available online, to both the Applicants and the PTO) for each of the non-English language documents. However, a commercially available English language abstract is provided herewith, where indicated on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. Inasmuch as Applicants have endeavored to provide at least one item that complies with the requirement for a "concise explanation of relevance" for each of the non-English language documents, each of these documents has been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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